

SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE SCALBY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1966

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To the Chairman and Members of
the Scalby Urban District Council

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Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for 1966.

Members may have noticed that though trends in vital statistics over a period of years are easy to appreciate, the changes from year to year are usually small. This can be regarded as the norm.

Viewed in this way the figures for 1966 are satisfactory. At the same time the trends indicate that we can anticipate further improvements.

This satisfactory state of affairs is not, of course, due to chance; nor is it due to the efforts of one man or one department. As usual, it is the cumulative effect of the work of all departments of the Council.

I am,
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

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The following committee of the Scalby Urban District Council is concerned with matters of public health, viz:-

The Public Health and Lighting Committee
In addition the Authority has a representative on the Scarborough Area Local Health Sub-Committee (No. 10 Area of the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council)

VITAL STATISTICS

Population

The mid-year population estimated by the Registrar-General at 7,830 shows an increase of 10 compared with 1965.

Births

A total of 125 live and still-births gave a live birth-rate adjusted of 18.3 per 1,000 population.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	51	67	118
Illegitimate	5	1	6
	—	—	—
	56	68	124
	—	—	—

Illegitimate live births, per cent of total live births = 4.8%

<u>Still-births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	—	1	1
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
	—	1	1
	—	—	—

Deaths

Of the 108 deaths among Scalby Urban District residents 55 occurred in persons aged 75 and over.

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	1	6
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	7	11
Diabetes	—	2	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	6	14
Coronary disease, angina	11	10	21
Hypertension with heart disease	—	2	2
Other heart disease	9	8	17
Other circulatory disease	1	1	2
Influenza	1	—	1
Pneumonia	5	1	6
Bronchitis	3	—	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—	1
Congenital malformations	1	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	3	6
All other accidents	2	4	6
Suicide	1	1	2
	—	—	—
Totals	56	52	108
	—	—	—

The crude death rate of 13.7 per 1,000 population, when adjusted by applying the Comparability Factor to allow for age distribution, becomes 10.4 compared with 11.7 for England and Wales

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 live births	24.2
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	25.4
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rates (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000	
total live births)	16.1
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per	
1,000 total live births)	16.1
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still-births and deaths under 1	
week combined, per 1,000 total live and still-births)	32.0
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and still-births	8.0
Maternal Mortality Rate (Including Abortion)	Nil

Table of Vital Statistics covering
the last 4 years

Year	Live Birth rate per 1,000 Live and Popu- Popu- Year lations	Still- Births	Adjusted Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Popu- lation	Total Infant Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Live Infant Deaths	Still- Births	Still- Births	Rate per 1,000 Live and Still- Births
									Live Deaths
1963	7460	108	16.3	132	13.4	4	37.7	2	18.5
1964	7660	114	16.8	123	12.2	1	8.9	2	17.5
1965	7820	108	15.7	98	9.5	3	28.3	2	18.5
1966	7830	125	18.3	108	10.4	3	24.2	1	8.0
England and Wales (Provisional) 1966			17.7		11.7		19.0		15.4

Infectious Diseases - Notifications

Food Poisoning	1
Measles	37
Pulmonary Tuberculosis . .	3
Whooping Cough	6
Acute Pneumonia	1
	—
	48
	—

National Assistance Act 1948 (Section 47)

The Council was not called upon to take action under the above section which authorises an authority under section 47 to take steps to secure the transfer of persons in need of care and attention coming within the section, to hospital or other suitable institutions.

I am indebted to Mr. Horn, Public Health Inspector and Surveyor, for the following information:-

Housing

Number completed by Local Authority	1946-60	288 houses 4 shops 22 bungalows (Aged Persons) 1 Warden's house
Number completed by Private Enterprise	1946-65 1966	858 houses 61 houses
Number completed by Scarborough Corporation within the Urban District	1955-65	50 houses and flats
Number completed by North Riding Standing Joint Committee	1956-65	7 houses

The housing needs of the area is met to a great degree by private enterprise. A scheme for the erection of thirty one-bedroom bungalows and flats for the aged is waiting ministerial approval.

Water Supply

The Scarborough Water Undertaking supply the entire district apart from some outlying farm dwellings.

Water mains have been provided to meet the requirements of some farms in the more rural part of the District. There still remains, however, eight premises sited at the perimeter of the district provided by private supply. The rest of the Urban District is served by mains piped supply and no instances of stand pipe supply was necessary.

During the fiscal period 97 samples of water were forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory for the purposes of bacteriological examination, all of which proved to be satisfactory.

Four samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for chemical analysis.

The water supply proved adequate and satisfactory both in quality and quantity.

In view of the fact that the water supply contains both temporary and permanent hardness, no plumbo-solvent action has been evident.

Number of houses connected to mains	3,105 (7,796 population)
Number of houses not connected to mains	8 (24 population)

Moveable Dwellings

There is only one licensed caravan site within the district, i.e. Pickering's, High Mill Farm, occupied only during the summer period.

Under the Town and Country Planning Acts, a site for one caravan has been re-approved for a limited period.

Beacon Cottage Farm again accommodated Youth Organisations for the siting of a tented camp for a period of two weeks.

Fourteen inspections were carried out during the period under review and no items were discovered which constituted a contravention.

SANITARY CONDITIONS

Refuse Collection

The urban area continues to develop as a residential district and it was found necessary to order a new vehicle. Delivery has been promised for the early part of 1967.

Existing facilities have adequately served the district and a weekly collection has been maintained throughout the year with exception of outlying farm premises which have been accommodated by a fortnightly collection.

During the summer period private hotels and shops have enjoyed a more frequent collection and where applicable, have been dealt with as a rechargeable item insofar as it relates to extra visits involved. This included some instances of trade refuse.

Refuse Tip, Burniston Road

The additional land previously allocated has been included in the existing tipping space.

Salvage Collection

A separate collection where possible is accommodated by a trailer augmented by sacks fixed to the rear of the vehicle during ordinary refuse collection.

Weights of salvage collected and disposed of were as follows:- waste paper 77 tons 10 cwts., scrap metal 5 cwt 2 qr. 24 lb., rags 1 ton 9 cwts., ascot boilers 4.

Public Health Acts 1936 and 1961

100 inspections were carried out (excluding housing inspection) and 24 nuisances were discovered and abated by informal action.

Offensive Trades

There are no businesses carried on as 'offensive trades' registered in the Urban District.

Clean Air Act

We are fortunate in this area in as much as it has been found unnecessary to declare any part of it as a 'smokeless zone' and no complaints were received during the past year of atmospheric pollution.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

44 inspections were carried out and no unsatisfactory conditions found.

Rodent Control

Two part time rodent operatives carry out our obligation in respect to treatment and destruction of rodents. All work is carried out in accordance with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food recommendations.

Treatment during 1966 resulted in an estimated kill of 757 and the recovery of 503 rat bodies.

There still remains no evidence of warfarin resistance in the rodent population where infesting the area. Our stock supply of antu was returned to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food in accordance with their circular advising discontinuance of the use of this poison.

Workable Area Committee The committee which constitutes the inclusion of neighbouring Local Authorities together with officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, met on two occasions during the year when useful information in the form of lectures and films were given by the officers concerned. I again wish to express my appreciation for their co-operation and help.

Sewer Manholes Test baiting of 10' sewer manholes was carried out and no infestation was evident.

Food & Drugs Act 1955

Milk Supplies Milk licences are issued by the North Riding County Council who are the appropriate authority within the district.

(a) Brucella Abortus Within the Urban District there has been no appreciable increase of this disease and all samples where necessary have been undertaken by the North Riding County Council.

(b) The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963 We have no pasteurisation plants within the area.

(c) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Fish Shops	1	Regulation 16 & 19
Butchers	3	Regulation 16 & 19
Cake &		
Confectionery	4	Regulation 16 & 19
Licensed Premises	4	Regulation 16 & 19
Greengrocer	1	Regulation 16
Schools	2	Regulation 16 & 19
Hotels, Rest		
Homes & Hostels	4	Regulation 16 & 19
Slaughter Houses	3	Regulation 16 & 19

(d) Poultry Inspection Apart from carcases exposed to sale in normal trade, which are inspected, there are no poultry processing premises within the district.

General The shopkeepers have again co-operated and have observed general hygiene.

Suitable notices were exhibited in their premises prohibiting dogs not under proper control from entering the shops.

Number of inspections carried out	65
Number of unsatisfactory conditions found	3 (remedied by informal action)

Icecream 18 registered premises exist within the urban area and sampling was carried out by the North Riding County Council.

Meat Inspection As in previous years, 100 meat inspection was maintained, necessitating 352 visits when 2,225 animals and carcases were inspected resulting in the voluntary surrender of 3 cwts 1 qr. 6 lbs. of meat and offal.

Slaughterhouses There still remains three licensed private slaughterhouses within the district. Three unsatisfactory conditions were found and remedied after informal action. No contraventions were evident under the Slaughter of Animal Acts.

Farms Within the urban district, twenty farms are sited, 75% of which are milk producers.

Housing Acts 1957-64

45 houses were inspected and 150 visits carried out necessitating one house capable of repair being dealt with by the assistance of Improvement Grant.

Mortuary

The Urban District Council provide one mortuary sited within the Council Depot, Moor Lane, Newby, and utilised for sudden death and road accidents within the Coroner's area. Within the year under review, 12 cases were dealt with.

No facilities are available for post mortem examinations.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Schemes commenced during year: Private sewers have been laid to serve housing development by F. Shepherd & Son Limited (Scalby Hall Park) and L. H. Thompson (Builders) Ltd. (Moor Lane). Where practicable separate surface water drainage systems have been provided.

Schemes completed during year: The Orchard, Newby, (Oldfield & Deighton Limited)

Apart from outlying districts i.e. farm properties, the urban area is adequately provided for in this connection. The growth of the district is of modern origin and provided with gravitational sea outfall.

A physical survey of the area has revealed that 63 houses and farms are not connected to the public sewer.

Closet Accommodation and Drainage

No. of houses with water-carriage system	3,119
No. of houses without water-carriage system	2
No. of conversions to water-carriage system during year	3

Sanitary Circumstances of the District in General

Isolated sporadic surface water flooding affected the district notably in the Foulsyke and Hackness Road areas.

Surface water drainage was improved in North Street, Scalby.

The following streets were adopted during the year as future maintainable highways at public expense -

Barmoor Close
Queensway
Lady Ediths Park (part)
Sandhurst Gardens
Hackness Drive (part)
Beckview
Hillcrest Avenue

ANNEX

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
in respect of the Year 1966 for the Urban District
of Scalby in the County of York

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	No. of Inspections (3)	No. of Written Notices (4)	No. of Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4) & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities)	11	50	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which s.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which s.7 is enforced by the Local Authority) (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	16	Nil	Nil
Total	15	46	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Found (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found			No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (5)	
		Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. by H.M. Inspector (4)			
			Inspector (5)	Inspector (5)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil		Nil	Nil	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.5)	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)						
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Total	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	

Part VIII of the Act - OUT WORK (Sections 133 and 134) - NIL RETURN

